

South Dakota Women's Prison

Pierre, South Dakota

The South Dakota Women's Prison is located in the Solem Public Safety Center in Pierre, South Dakota.

In 1995, legislation was introduced that authorized the construction of a new prison for women. Before that time, female inmates were housed at the Springfield State Prison.

Dwane Russell is the Warden of the South Dakota Women's Prison.

Facility

The Solem Public Safety Center is a unique facility that houses not only the South Dakota Women's Prison, but also the Department of Corrections central office, the Pierre Police Department, Hughes County Sheriff's Office, a state Highway Patrol station and the office of state Division of Criminal Investigation agents.

The South Dakota Women's Prison portion of the facility constitutes the majority of the 78,000 square foot building.



Outside and inside the Parents and Children Together House at the South Dakota Women's Prison in Pierre.

The South Dakota Women's Prison opened and was dedicated on October 23, 1997. A trusty unit opened in 2001 with the capacity for 96 beds.

The facility also includes a six-bedroom house used for the Parents And Children Together (P.A.C.T.) program. The primary goal of the P.A.C.T. program is to enable the incarcerated mother to have her minor children with her in prison for a weekend visit once each month, in addition to the regular visiting hours.

